

75% of the land involved in litigation in Revenue Courts be freed from such litigations to make it available for distribution, and distribution completed by 30th September, 1992.

Commission for Industrial Production

667 1. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to constitute any Commission to determine the prices of industrial products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the duties and responsibilities of the proposed Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). There is a proposal under the consideration of the Government of restructure the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) set up in the year 1970 into a Commission. One of the functions of that Commission, as per proposal, is to tender advice to Government on various issues pertaining to cost reduction and improvement of industrial efficiency and pricing problems in relation to industrial costs. However, no final decision has been taken in this regard.

[*Transiation*]

Foreign Colloboration for Cars

6672. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to grant permission to any Indian Company for manufacturing four seater cars with foreign collaboration;

(b) if so, the name of the Indian Company;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced in the market; and

(d) the estimated price of this car?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Delay in Completion of Central Projects

6673. SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central projects lagging behind their time schedule as on December 31, 1991, Ministry-wise;

(b) the reasons thereof;

(c) the extent of cost increase in comparison to original cost as a result of delay in completion thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Ministry/Department-wise number of Central projects lagging behind their time schedule as on 31.12.91 with reference to original date of commissioning is given below:

<i>Sr.No.</i>	<i>Ministry/Deptt.</i>	<i>Number of projects delayed with reference to original date of commissioning.</i>
1.	Atomic Energy	5
2.	Civil Aviation	1
3.	Coal	35
4.	Fertiliser	1
5.	I & B	3
6.	Mines	0
7.	Steel & Iron Ore	5
8.	Chem. & Petrochem.	3
9.	Petro. & Natural Gas	17
10.	Power	32
11.	Paper, Cement & Auto.	6
12.	Railways	44
13.	Surface Transport	21
14.	Tele-Communication	16
Total:		189

(b) Various causes for delay in completion of the project were as follows:-

- (i) Delay in acquisition of land;
- (ii) Delay in obtaining clearance from forest/environmental angle and lack of advance action for development of infrastructure;
- (iii) Inadequate project preparation;
- (iv) Delay in tie-up of adequate funds

and sources of funds (Budgetary, internal, extra-budgetary and external);

- (v) Delay in finalisation of detailed engineering;
- (vi) Frequent scope changes;
- (vii) Delay in tendering and ordering;
- (viii) Lack of delineation of responsibility with the Consultant and the project

organisation;

- (ix) Industrial relation and law and order problems;

- (x) Inadequate supply of inputs;

- (xi) Non-sequential and delayed supply of fabricated equipments;

- (xii) Teething troubles due to malfunctioning of equipment;

- (xiii) Selection of unproven technology;

- (xiv) Delay in Right of Use (ROU) clearances;

- (xv) Difficult geology of project sites;

(c) There are multiple causes for increase in the cost of completion of these projects, it is not possible to assess separately the percentage of rise in the cost on account of delay in their completion.

(d) Monitoring of progress of implementation of projects and action to resolve problems at various levels including at the level of the project authorities, administrative Ministry/Department, Department of Programme Implementation, Committee of Secretaries,

Task Force for Coal and Power Projects, Public Investment Board and Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure.

Price Rise of Coal

6674. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN: Will the MINISTER OF COAL be pleased to state the comparative price rise of coal of various grades during each of the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUA): Pithead prices for different grades of coal are fixed by Government of India under the provisions of Colliery Control Order, 1945. During the last three financial years i.e. 1989-90, 90-91 and 1991-92, coal prices were increased only once in December 1991. Prior to that the prices were last revised in January 1989. Following are the gradewise prices of coal produced by Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) as increased in January 1989 and December 1991.

(1) Coking, Semi Coking and Weakly Coking Coals produced in Coal India Limited.

(Rs. per tonnes)

	<i>Increased prices in January, 1989</i>	<i>Increased prices in December 1991</i>
Steel Grade I	651.00	842.00
Steel Grade II	543.00	702.00
Washery Grade I	470.00	608.00
Washery Grade II	390.00	504.00
Washery Grade III	300.00	388.00
Washery Grade IV	280.00	362.00
Semi-Coking Grade I	470.00	608.00
Semi-Coking Grade II	390.00	504.00